(c) what are the steps taken to resume the supply of wheat to the flour mills in Tamil Nadu State;

(d) whether the FCI is supplying wheat to the flour mills in other States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Sale of wheat to any buyer (including roller flour mills) under open sale scheme is subject to availability of wheat in particular Depot/Area over and above the requirement of PDS and other Government sponsored welfare schemes. Due to movement problems, the movement of stock ex-North to consuming areas was not upto to the level of requirement of wheat for both PDS and open sale scheme. However all efforts are made to arrange maximum wheat stock to the consuming States so as to have regular flow of stock to PDS, Government programme and open sale.

(d) and (e) FCI is selling wheat under open sale scheme throughout the country except Assam and North Eastern States subject to availability of stocks. Statement indicating state-wise quantity and prices of wheat sold during 1994-95 upto March, 1995 and April, 1995 is at Annexure [*see* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 121].

Allocation of levy Sugar to States

5875. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of levy sugar is being made to the States according to the criteria fixed by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the criteria fixed by Government;

(c) how much quantity of levy sugar allocated to Gujarat State during the last six months, month-wise;

(d) whether Government of Gujarat has requested to increase the quota of levy sugar in the State; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government to allocate levy sugar according to the demand made by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the present policy of partial control, the monthly allocations of levy sugar to most of the States/Union Territories are being made on uniform norms of ensuring 425 gms. per capita availability for the projected population as on 1.10.1986. These norms are effective from 1.2.1987. However, some States/UTs are being allowed allocations at higher scales in view of the special circumstances prevailing there. Accordingly, about 3.35 lakh tonnes of sugar is being allocated each month as levy for distribution under the Public Distribution System for the entire country. In addition to the above Government release about one lakh tonnes per annum as festival quota, which is allocated to the States/UTs in proportion to their monthly levy allocations.

(c) A quantity of 16194.0 MTs of levy sugar (excluding allocation for para-military forces) was allocated to Gujarat State during each of the last six months (from December, 1994 to May, 1995).

(d) Yes Sir. Government of Gujarat had requested for increase in the levy sugar quota of the State to 18,844 MTs per month.

(e) In view of the decline in sugar production during the last two consecutive sugar seasons, i.e. 1992-93 and 1993-94, it has not been possible till yet to enhance the levy sugar allocation of Gujarat State.